

**NEBRASKA MEDICAID MANAGED LONG-TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

April 3, 2014

1:30 to 4:00 PM

Lower Level Conference Room D

Nebraska State Office Building

301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska

Members in attendance: Brian Allison, Heath Boddy, Kim Falk (by phone), Kathy Hoell (by phone), Tim Kolb, Julie Kaminski, Steve Morris, Marcia Mueting, June Pederson, Mike Schafer, Janet Seelhoff, Frank Velinsky

Members not in attendance: Keri Bennett, Patty Pierson, Joni Thomas, Natalie Torrez

DHHS staff in attendance: Julie Docter, Julie Gillmor, Heather Leschinsky, John Naujokaitis, Don Severance

Welcome

Julie Docter welcomed the Council members.

MLTSS Updates

Heather Leschinsky updated the Council about the status of MLTSS implementation:

- Legislative Bill 854 was passed and signed by the governor. As a result, DHHS will not release a Request for Proposal (RFP) for managed long-term services and supports prior to September 1, 2015.
- The targeted implementation date for MLTSS remains January 1, 2017. This timeframe could be impacted by two factors, however. They include Legislative Bill 690 and the federal Department of Labor's new guidance on the application of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) to domestic workers effective January 1, 2015.
 - LB690: Creates an Aging Nebraskans Task Force and requires DHHS to apply for a federal grant under the State Balancing Incentive Payments Program (BIPP). If passed into law, Nebraska Medicaid staff currently working on the MLTSS initiative may be reassigned to work on LB690 implementation.
 - FLSA: Impacts several divisions of DHHS which have in-home programs that utilize domestic workers, including Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) and Personal Assistant Services providers. DHHS directors are developing a planned response for applying the new guidance which will be a department-wide priority.
- The number of people in the targeted MLTSS population has been upgraded to approximately 49,000 people. Numbers for HCBS clients and nursing facility residents remain the same at approximately 5,000 and 7,000 respectively. People receiving services through the Division of Developmental Disabilities or living in an intermediate care facility for people with development disabilities will be excluded from MLTSS.
- MLTSS work groups continue to meet and are developing RFP business requirements.
- The Nebraska Association of Home and Community Health Agencies (NAHCHA) has submitted to Nebraska Medicaid suggested MLTSS RFP business requirements. These suggestions, together with those previously submitted by the Nebraska Health Care Association (NHCA) and LeadingAge Nebraska, are being reviewed, and the plan is to discuss them at the next Council meeting, noting commonalities among the three. Questions and concerns that have been

submitted by the Nebraska Pharmacy Association will be addressed with the physical health managed care re-procurement.

- Planned for the next Council meeting is a review of federal managed care regulations and the Nebraska Administrative Services services procurement contract template and procurement processes.

MLTSS External Quality Review Process

Using a power point, staff from IPRO, Nebraska Medicaid's contracted external quality review organization, presented regarding external oversight of managed care organizations (MCOs), including those providing managed long-term services and supports. Some external oversight activities are required by the federal government, and others are requested by the State. Questions were raised by Council members throughout the presentation.

DHHS Response to National Council on Disability Recommendations

Julie Docter and Julie Gillmor reviewed highlights of Nebraska Medicaid's response to recommendations put forth by the National Council on Disabilities pertaining to the implementation of MLTSS. Tim Kolb has written comments and questions about Nebraska's Medicaid's response and will send them to Julie D. electronically for further review.

Questions and Concerns Received from Council Members

Discussion continued on the third question previously received from Council members. Frank Velinsky will send a copy of Iowa's billing and payment policy and sample remittance advice.

Council Input

Council members:

- Recommended the Council continue to meet after MLTSS implementation;
- Recommended claims data be reviewed by the external quality review organization, including reasons for denied claims, as a means of evaluating network provider satisfaction; and
- Requested more time on future agendas to discuss questions and concerns.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for Tuesday afternoon, June 24, 2014.

Public Comment

Members of the public:

- Suggested that upon "go-live", problem identification be targeted and phased, for example, focus on enrollment the first calendar quarter, service plans the second quarter, and billing the third, thus allowing for an extended transition period; and
- Suggested members of the Council transfer to membership on MCO advisory groups but also continue to meet after MLTSS implementation.